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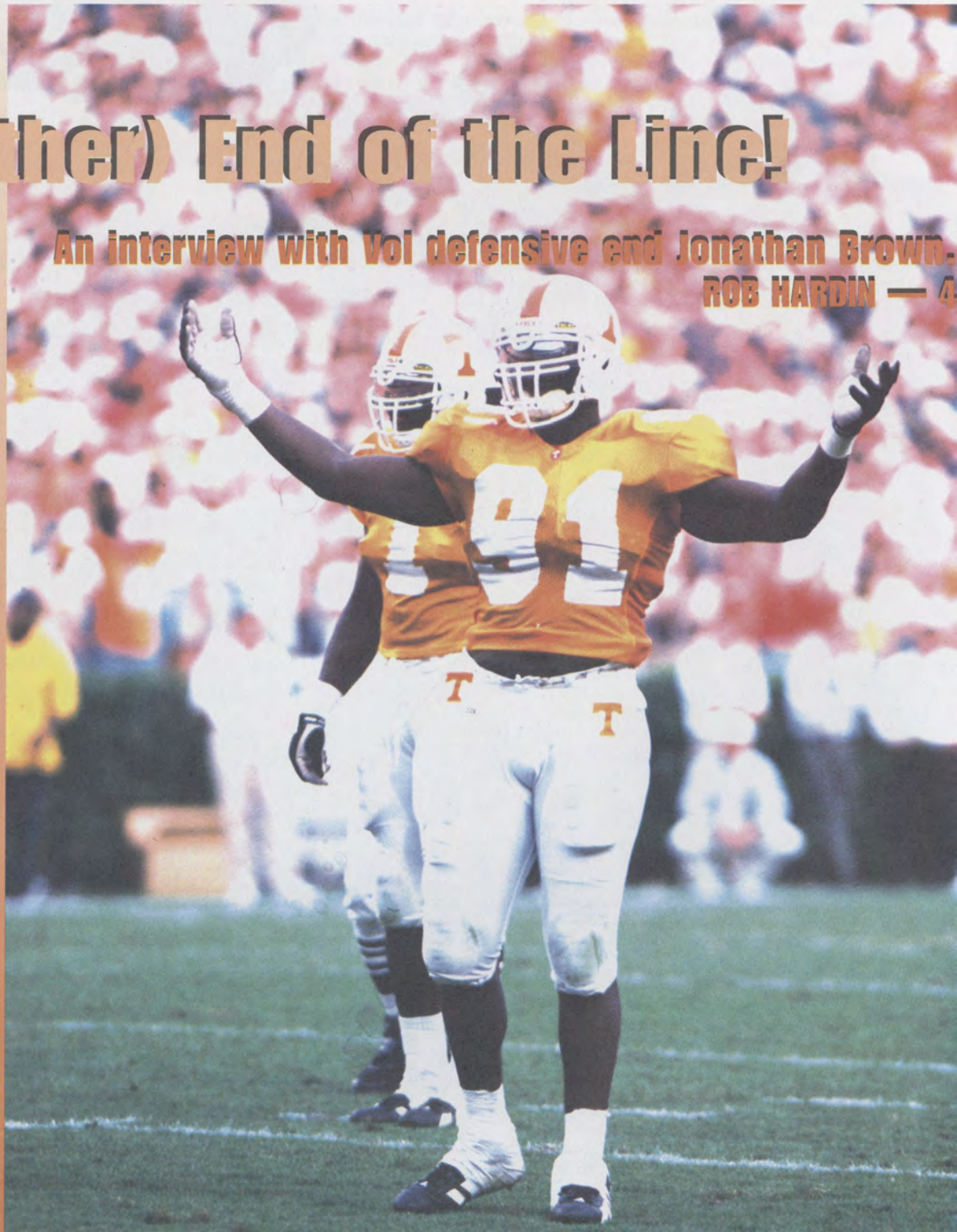

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From the Editor

IN MEMORIAM:
John "Skeeter" Bailey

When you write magazine articles about people, you never know what parts of your story are going to be noted and remembered. A story you might think is great may not gain any comment, yet another story might engender all kinds of comment.

That was the case in a recent story about Knoxvillian Alex (Bo) Shafer. I had made what I thought was a passing reference to Bo being coached at Tennessee by the "one and only John (Skeeter) Bailey" and really didn't think much about it. The appellation seemed perfectly logical to me.

It wasn't too long after that that Bailey's wife, Florence, told me she appreciated that reference, because, in fact, everyone who had known Skeeter knew there was no one quite like him.

Coming to UT from Portland, the Portland in Sumner County over in Middle Tennessee, John William Bailey was an undersized blocking back under Bob Neyland from 1936-38, playing at 5-5, 145, according to one game program.

He was there in the early days of Neyland's second resurgence of Tennessee football following a one-year stint in the Canal Zone. His three years at Tennessee were capped by an 11-0 mark in 1938, the only such mark in Vol history.

But this man of small physical stature cast a long shadow over the Vol football program.

Bailey lettered from 1936-38 and embarked on a career that would bring him great credit as an assistant football coach. His early coaching career was at Union University in Jackson and Dyersburg High School.

He joined teammate Bowden Wyatt's staff at Wyoming in 1947 and stayed with Bowden through his time at Laramie (1947-52), at Arkansas (1953-54) and at Tennessee (1955-62).

In those years, Wyatt and his staff won conference championships in the Skyline Conference, the Southwest Conference and the Southeastern Conference. It was an unprecedented trifecta.

Skeeter was described in the 1956 Tennessee Press Guide as a coach who was "a hard and conscientious worker who excels at handling young players. His enthusiasm on the field is a great asset to the players as well as the coaching staff."

Nobody who knew him will ever accuse him of a lack of enthusiasm or lack of intensity in whatever he was doing, whether it was around the breakfast table with his buddies at Long's Drug Store in suburban West Knoxville or on the practice field decades earlier.

Talk about persistence. Here's just one example.

It was former Vol head coach Johnny Majors who remembered how Skeeter had pursued him as a high school prospect during his time coaching at Wyoming and Arkansas.

When Skeeter arrived in Knoxville with Wyatt, he found Majors and said simply: "I finally caught up with you..." Or words to that effect.

Skeeter Bailey died the morning of the South Carolina game, just a few weeks ago. The last time I saw him was at the Georgia game where he joined Bowden Wyatt's family for a presentation honoring Wyatt's induction as a coach into the College Football Hall of Fame. It was an appropriate thing for Bailey to be a part of the induction ceremonies given his long association with Wyatt. (See their picture on p. 13.)

Skeeter was a part of the formation of the East Tennessee Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame. He was a regular at Vol football practices with his good friends George Hunter and Bob Woodruff, a fact noted by Peyton Manning at Bailey's memorial service.

There are many Vol fans for whom the decade of the 1930s may be the Paleolithic Era of Tennessee football, back in the days of leather helmets, wool jerseys, khaki pants and travel by train, but there was some excellent football played in those days and there were some unbelievably good people who came through the program.

Skeeter Bailey was one of the good ones.

— Tom Mattingly

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A Look At The Vols...

The (Other) End of the Line

When the Tennessee defense takes the field all eyes have been on No. 1 Leonard Little, but some of those eyes may be switching to the other end of the defense line to No. 91, Jonathan Brown.

No. 91 has been a familiar site in the opposition's backfield. So much in fact he has a team high and SEC-leading 8.5 sacks and has helped the Vols average over four sacks a game and rank second in the SEC.

He had perhaps his best game in the Vols' 22-7 win over South Carolina. The Tulsa, Okla., native recorded 2.5 sacks and five tackles as the Vols held the Gamecocks to 168 yards of offense. He added a sack (-11) against Southern Mississippi. "I felt like I was in a zone," Brown said.

"Michael Jordan talks about when he feels like that, and I felt like everything I did was right. I graded out very well. I felt like I was out there by myself doing all the right things. It is incredible to have that feeling and being able to relate to the top athletes in the world."

Brown thought that may have been the best performance of the defense this season.

"It was incredible," he said. "There were at least seven people around the ball all the time. It was like somebody shot us or something.

Jonathan Brown has smothered his opponents this season, including Georgia's running back Robert Edwards in the Vols 38-13 win over the Bulldogs in October.

"It was unbelievable, and I just hope we can keep that intensity throughout the season. We know what we can do. A lot people got down on us in the beginning, but we were playing some great teams and against some quality running backs. Plus when you plug in new people and have a different scheme, you are not going to be well-balanced at first. We are starting to get that balance now."

The defense tied a school record with eight sacks against South Carolina with the other times coming against Georgia Tech in 1979 and Kentucky in 1986. But, after watching the game film, Brown believed the Vols could have gotten to the quarterback more.

"We had our best defensive effort we have had in a long time against South Carolina," he said.

"We looked at the film and thought we could have had 10 or 11 sacks. We put tremendous pressure on and did not put our defensive backs in any unreasonable position."

Brown put his share of pressure on the Gamecock quarterbacks, but so did Little as he also recorded 2.5 sacks. Little moved from his middle linebacker position back to defense end, the position he had played the previous two seasons.

"It is a big help having Leonard at end, because people can't focus on me," Brown said. "But it doesn't matter where they put him, I am going to go out there and give 110 percent. I like him at end, though."

The bookends of the defensive

line of the Vols also got praise from their teammates.

"They played great, and that is all you can say about them," defensive tackle Bill Duff said. "They were running over the guys blocking them. South Carolina was doing a lot of things to the defensive tackles to take our pass rush away, and concentrating on us, it freed the ends up. That might be the last time teams do that seeing how many sacks they got."

The Vols dominating performance over South Carolina did not surprise Brown. He believes this may the best defense to come through Tennessee in recent years and is not surprised by anything the defense accomplishes.

"When we started the season we talked about being the best defense that has ever come through here," he said. "We are now showing glimpses of that. Each player has to look at himself and develop consistency to keep our performance up.

"Anything we do on defense does not surprise me because of the quality of athletes we have.

"We have athletes that can go anywhere else and start. We know if we put a full 60 minutes together, we are capable of doing anything. It is a matter of us going out there and being consistent."

Brown has been working on his consistency as well as the other facets of his game and will keep working hard to bring his game to the next level.

"I have been watching a lot of game film and going out playing with 100 percent effort and making plays," he said.

"Coach Chavis has put me in a position where I can make plays. I am glad I am making them because it is helping the team."

His versatility has also improved his play.

" I can finesse you. I can over power you. I can outquick you," he said. "If you have those three things at defense end it is hard for an offensive lineman to stop you.

"I consider myself a relentless pass rusher. I don't stop. If one move doesn't work, I am going to go to another move. To be a great player, you have to be relentless. I am not to that great player level yet, but I am working hard toward it."

With the success Brown has been having, he is still not getting the recognition Little gets, but that is of no concern to him.

"When you have Leonard Little on your team, a lot of people are going to get outshined," he said.

"Recognition doesn't matter as long as I am going out there and doing my best and giving it my all. It is not worth it to worry about stuff like that. Recognition will come with performance."

The Vols also find themselves in a position to advance to the SEC Championship game if they can win the remaining SEC games on the schedule. Staying focused for this will not be a problem.

"Our senior leaders or our leaders on the team will not let us slip and fall," he said. "We will go out there in practice and push each other, because we know what is out there for us.

"I know we have not been in this position before, and we know we are capable of doing this. We are not going to let complacency set in. We are going to go out and play harder and harder each game. It is going to be kind of scary out there.

"We'll stay focused, listening to the coaches each week and executing the game plan."

With only a few games remaining on the schedule, Brown is close to seeing his collegiate career come to an end.

"It is unbelievable how quick it has gone by," he said. "I blinked my eyes, and it is four years later. Time flies when you are young, and I just hope I can keep helping the team out."

Brown is making his name and No. 91 a common sight. Vol fans hope to see more of him — in the opposition's backfield.

—Rob Hardin

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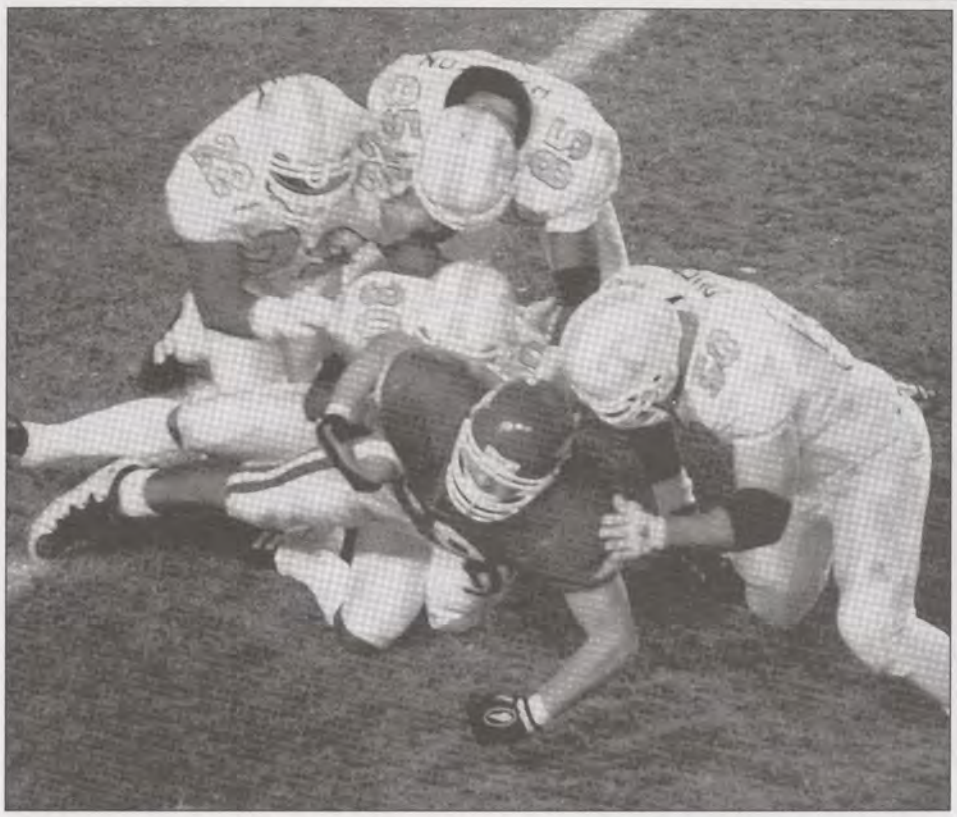
— DEFENSIVE END JONATHAN BROWN

Whew! Vols Escape Razorback Trap, Win 30-22



Corey Terry, Anthony Hampton, Bill Duff and Cory Gaines make the stop on a Razorback receiver. Game photos courtesy of the Knoxville News-Sentinel.

(See Fulmer File, p. 8)

When you think about it, the path to a league championship for the eventual winner is strewn with at least one game like this one. You know, there's a game where an underdog team, playing for nothing but pride and the thrill of knocking off one of the league's top teams, comes oh-so-close to grabbing the brass ring.

That was the case Saturday night at War Memorial Stadium in Little Rock as Arkansas battled Tennessee fiercely down to the end, before the Vols were able to escape with a hard-earned 30-22 victory before 53,235 chilled spectators and whatever number might have watched on ESPN-2.

To win a game like this one, you have to have the marquee players come through and there also has to be a surprise or two. That was exactly what happened.

Peyton Manning and Marcus Nash played pitch-and-catch with Manning completing 20 of 35 for 264 yards and three scores. Nash caught five balls for 126 yards and two scores. The other scoring toss went to freshman Jamal Lewis, who showed his stuff for 125 yards on 27 carries and caught five more for 28 yards including the game's first score. He also dove in at the flag for the score that gave the Vols much-needed breathing room with 4:13 left.

With an eight-point lead, Vol defenders fought off two last Razorback flurries to seal the deal. But it never was easy all night. That much we can say for certain.

"It was tough the entire game," Manning said. "Once we realized we were in for a war, we had to really intensify our focus. We were not making the plays early in the game. We were in a hostile environment and their defense was really playing well. Finally, we stepped up and the receivers and running backs made some plays."

> ***"It was important for me to get involved in the run. We practiced all week in getting the safeties to come up and Cory Gaines did a heck of a job. The whole team got the job done. We stuck in there and made the plays. We'll take the win."***
>
> ***-- Vol safety Tori Noel***

The Vols, now 8-1, 5-1 SEC, got the game's first score on the game's first series. Peerless Price, who caught three passes for 46 yards, caught a 17-yarder on third-and-10 from the Vol 31 and Jeremaine Copeland had a 28-yard reception northward down the far sideline. An apparent TD pass to Shawn Bryson was called back, but Manning had the antidote a play later, hitting Lewis in the right flat and Jamal did the rest, scooting in from 23 yards out.

The Vols would not score again until they trailed 10-7 after Arkansas drove for a field goal and took an interception in for a score. The Vols recovered a fumble at the Hog 27 and Lewis carried three times and caught two passes to get it to the 13 and Manning did the rest, finding Nash on a crossing pattern for the score that made it 14-10,

good guys, at the break.

Arkansas got two field goals to start the third stanza, on forays into Vol territory that could have yielded more, except for some gritty work by Vol defenders. Darwin Walker had a sack to blunt one drive and Jonathan Brown had another on the ensuing possession. It was 16-14, Arkansas, with 4:09 left in the third and the Vols hadn't run an offensive play.

The Vols responded with a Jeff Hall field goal on a drive that saw Manning pass the 10,000-yard mark, the 12th collegiate signal-caller, third in SEC history, to do so, with a toss to Price for 19. Nash then grabbed a 44-yard toss that put the ball on the 10. Hall's fielder came from 18 yards out and seemingly restored order at 17-16.

Arkansas took the lead at 22-17 early in the fourth canto, but Manning once again led the Vols back. Bryson made a diving catch at midfield and two plays later Peyton hit a streaking Nash down the near right side for the score that made it 23-22.

The Vols fought the next Arkansas drive to a missed field goal and really hit the jackpot a series later when Eric Brown blocked a kick, his second of the year, and the Vols were in business at the UA 18 with 4:27 left. Time to take it in and extend the lead.

"We had a return on and the lane opened up, giving me a chance to block it," Brown said in the hubbub outside the Vol dressing room. "I took it into my hands to try to change the momentum of the game around. When you get opportunities, you have to take advantage of them. I knew I had a chance to get it right away."

That's just what happened, but not without a little gobbly-wobble. Lewis started to the near side and suddenly pulled up and tossed the spheroid to Manning, all alone down the far side, right in front of the Tennessee partisans.

The play covered 10 yards and a late hit penalty moved it to the UA 4. Lewis scored at left end behind a phalanx of white shirts, diving in at the flag for the score. Hall's extra point established the final margin.

Vol defenders beat back two final Arkansas series to cinch the deal.

Vol safety Tori Noel led the way for Vol defenders, earning ESPN-2 Tennessee player of the game honors. Noel had 10 tackles and two assists. Rookie Jerrod Hayden, pressed into service when Al Wilson went out with a leg injury, had seven total hits, including the recovery of fumbled punt that led to the Vols' second score. Cory Gaines and Kenny Smith caused fumbles.

GAME NOTES: Brown now has 21 career sacks, fourth all-time at UT... Nash now has 58 receptions this season, tying him for third on the season reception list with Thomas (TD) Woods (1988). Nash has nine touchdowns this season, tying him for second with Joey Kent (1995). Nash is now second in all-time receiving yardage with 2105, behind only Joey Kent, 2814 yards (1993-96).... Hall now has 245 career points, fourth all-time... The Vols are now 4-0 in the state of Arkansas and have won nine straight games against Western Division opponents.

WEEKEND NOTES: The Vol basketball team opened with a 75-62 win over Winthrop at Thompson-Boling Arena. See our next issue for complete details... In cross-country action, the men's team finished fourth at the District IX Championships in Birmingham, led by senior Bob Dickie who finished eighth (31:19.6) over 10,000 meters. They are awaiting an NCAA bid... The Lady Vols completed their season after a ninth place showing in the District III Championships also at Birmingham. They were paced by Kristen Ritter, who finished 21st in 18:15... The Lady Vol volleyball team lost to Kentucky 3-1.

--VOLUNTEERS MAGAZINE STAFF

Marcus Nash (left) had five catches for 126 yards and two scores, and Eric Brown (right) had his second blocked punt of the season which led to a Vol touchdown.

Tennessee Statistics vs. Arkansas

Team Statistics	UT	ARK
First Downs	22	18
Rushing	6	4
Passing	14	10
Penalty	2	4
Rushing Attempts	34	28
Yards Gained	148	121
Yards Lost	13	28
Net Yards Rushing	135	93
Net Yards Passing	274	194
Passes Attempted	36	37
Passes Completed	21	23
Had Intercepted	1	0
Total Offensive Plays	70	65
Total Net Yards	409	287
Average Gain	5.8	4.4
Fumbles-Lost	4-2	3-1
Penalties No-Yards	10-71	7-73
Punts-Average	5-29.8	5-25.2
Punt Returns-Yards	1-16	2-10
Kickoff Returns-Yards	6-79	6-109
Int. Returns-Yards	0-0	1-36
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Time of Possession	28:19	31:41
Third Down Conversions	7-15	3-13
Fourth Down Conversions	0-1	0-1
Sacks By-Yards	3-22	1-7

TENNESSEE	**7**	**7**	**3**	**13**	**— 30**
ARKANSAS	**0**	**10**	**6**	**6**	**— 22**

1-T: Lewis, pass from Manning 23. Hall kick.
Drive: 69 yards, 10 plays, 3:41 possession, 11:19 on clock.
2-A: Latourette, FG 44.
Drive: 46 yards, 13 plays, 6:41 possession, 8:54 on clock.
2-A: Flowers, interception return 36. Latourette kick.
Drive:7:06 on clock.
2-T: Nash, pass from Manning 13. Hall kick.
Drive: 27 yards, 6 plays, 3:14 possession, 2:19 on clock.
3-A: Latourette, FG 25.
Drive:65 yards, 9 plays, 4:24 possession, 10:36 on clock.
3-A: Latourette, FG 42.
Drive: 6 yards, 8 plays, 4:09 possession, 6:27 on clock.
3-T: Hall, FG 18.
Drive: 82 yards, 9 plays, 4:12 possession, 2:15 on clock.
4-A: Stinson, run 1. Pass failed.
Drive: 81 yards, 7 plays, 4:05 possession, 13:10 on clock.
4-T: Nash, pass from Manning 49. Pass failed.
Drive: 66 yards, 4 plays, 1:36 possession, 11:34 on clock.
4-T: Lewis, run 4. Hall kick.
Drive: 18 yards, 2 plays, :14 possession. 4:13 on clock.

Rushing	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long
Lewis	27	125	1	124	1	17
Edmonds	1	9	0	9	0	9
Manning	5	14	10	4	0	9
Bryson	1	0	2	-2	0	-2

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Long
Manning	35	20	1	264	3	49
Lewis	1	1	0	10	0	10

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Nash	5	126	2	49
Lewis	5	28	1	23
Bryson	4	21	0	16
Price	3	46	0	19
Edmonds	2	15	0	8
Copeland	1	28	0	28
Manning	1	10	0	10

Punting	No.	Yards.	Avg.	Long
Hogue	5	149	29.8	48

Field Goals	Att.	Made	Long
Hall	1	1	18

All Returns	Punts No.Yds.LP	Kickoffs No.YdsLP	Int. No.Yds.LP
Fair		2 30 18	
Levine		1 9 9	
Goodrich		2 36 18	
Darden		1 4 4	
Brown	1 16 16		

Fulmer File...

1997 Arkansas Game

As I told our squad in the dressing room at Little Rock Saturday night, if you're fighting for a championship, you are going to experience tough, nasty, bitterly-fought games like the one we had just finished.

You have to be grateful to come home with a victory whether it's pretty or not. This one was sort of ugly, but no less welcome. We had every reason to thank our lucky stars that we were able to fly back to Knoxville on the long end of a 30-22 score.

When you consider our lack of consistency, symbolized by too many turnovers and penalties as well as too many dropped balls, it was a tribute to our heart and courage that we were able to fight it out to the end and come away with a six-game victory string to our credit.

Rather than dwell on our problems, I want to pay tribute to an Arkansas team that played an inspired game and was still firing for the end zone when time ran out. Arkansas always plays tough. Always!

Even last year when we won by a big score, it was still anybody's game halfway through the third quarter. Turnovers buried the Razorbacks' hopes then, but Arkansas didn't make that kind of mistakes Saturday night.

The close call didn't surprise me, nor did the fact that it was a dogfight all the way. It's like I said at last Tuesday's press conference. I would be happy to settle for a one-point victory and just cancel the trip to Little Rock.

We made big plays when we needed them. You can't overestimate Eric Brown's blocked punt that led to our eight point lead late in the game. Peyton Manning and Marcus Nash hooked up on a key touchdown pass in the fourth period as we took the lead for keeps. We even snuck in a couple of pages from our trick play repertoire - the "swinging gate" and Jamel Lewis' pass to Peyton after Brown's blocked punt. We needed everything we could come up with to hold off a determined Razorback football team.

Talk about agonizing decisions; the choice to go for a field goal at the Arkansas one-yard line was a tough call. But I didn't want to take a chance of giving up the ball without getting any points on the scoreboard. We needed to get the lead back. I was happy to settle for three points provided by Jeff Hall's trusty right foot.

Nobody was more pleased than I was by the grit showed by our offensive line in responding to the challenge of keeping the Razorbacks away from Peyton Manning. Arkansas prides itself on an aggressive defense that tries to make life miserable for opposing quarterbacks.

But thanks to the steady play of Trey Teague, Mercedes Hamilton, Spencer Riley, Chad Clifton, Cosey Coleman and associates, Peyton enjoyed a night that was pretty much trouble-free.

It was great to see Peyton join the select list of quarterbacks who have reached the 10,000-yard career passing milestone. Only Eric Zeier and Danny Wuerffel have ever matched Peyton's achievement in the Southeastern Conference. Congratulations to Peyton.

When you are riding atop the SEC, as we are fortunate enough to be doing at the moment, everybody sets you up as a target.

Next Saturday afternoon will be no exception when we visit the Kentucky Wildcats at Lexington. Coach Hal Mumme in his first season with the Wildcats has put together a good team built around an exceptionally resourceful and imaginative offense. Their sophomore quarterback, Tim Couch, is already rewriting the Kentucky record book with his brilliance as a passer.

The Tennessee-Kentucky rivalry is one of the most colorful series in college football. It sure would be nice to keep the battered old Beer Barrel in Knoxville one more year.

I know we can count on the support of fans such as you to help bring us through to victory when we invade Commonwealth Stadium on Saturday afternoon.

—Phillip Fulmer

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— Phillip Fulmer

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	VOLS	'KATS
1988	1607	1101
1989	1742	1936
1990	1782	1658
1991 (TIE)	1916	1916
1992	1977	2353
1993	2263	2742
1994	2428	2471
1995	2601	2214
1996	2486	2495

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The Tennessee-Kentucky Game

In its next game, Tennessee takes on old rival Kentucky and a star Wildcat quarterback who is in the process of breaking all his school's passing records.

It seems to me I've heard that song before.

Almost a half-century before Tim Couch, there was Babe Parilli. His real name was Vito Parilli, but he was known as Kentucky Babe.

Parilli was truly a marvel. In his three seasons with the Kentucky varsity (1949-50-51) he completed 331 of 592 passes for 4,351 yards. His 50 career touchdown passes and 23 TD passes in one season are among the UK records that young Couch has in his sights. He once passed for five TDs in a single game.

Parilli was a first team All-American in his junior and senior seasons. He finished fourth in the Heisman Trophy voting in 1950 and third in `51. And in his three seasons he led Bear Bryant's Wildcats to a 28-8 record, a Southeastern Conference championship in 1950 and sparked them to three consecutive major bowl appearances, the Orange, Sugar and Cotton, in that order.

But there were a couple of things that Babe Parilli could not accomplish: (1) He never played on a Kentucky team that beat Tennessee, and (2) he never played on a Kentucky team that ever scored a single point against Tennessee!

This strange mastery over Parilli and the greatest sequence of Kentucky football teams ever assembled remains to this day one of the highlights in all of Tennessee's storied football history. It was a feather in the cap of the game's greatest defensive virtuosos, Bob Neyland, and a dagger in the heart for his young coaching rival, Bryant. In seven head-to-head matches with the general, 1946-52, Bryant was never able to win, although in some of those years he boasted the stronger team. He did manage two ties, in 1948 and `52.

There was another man involved in the Parilli scenario, Vol basketball coach Emmett Lowery. In those days, the UT basketball coach served as a member of the grid staff during the football season. Lowery, who had been a first-string end at Purdue in the early 1930s and had later coached football at a small college, coached the ends during the week and served as scout on Saturdays. His big assignment was Kentucky.

After a classic 7-0 victory over Parilli and the SEC champion Wildcats on the frozen turf at Shields-Watkins Field in 1950, Neyland, rather uncharacteristically for him, publicly lauded Lowery's scouting job, calling it the best he had ever seen.

And after the 1951 national champion Vols completed the three-year whitewash of Parilli with a 28-0 triumph at Lexington, there were rumors that Lowery had picked up on a Parilli quirk that told the defense whether it was going to be a run or a pass, the way he set his feet, or something. Lowery was rather amused at that talk.

"Parilli was a great quarterback," he said. "He didn't give away anything. It was all a matter of tendencies. We felt that Kentucky was going to do certain things in certain situations. That was true even when they switched into the shotgun formation."

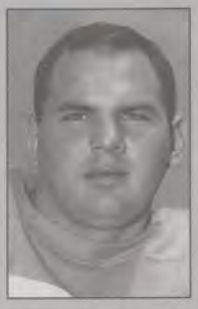
Whatever it was that Lowery did, it impressed Bear Bryant. When he left Kentucky for the Texas A&M football coach-athletic director job, the Bear tried to hire Lowery as his basketball coach, and football scout.

And now, 46 years after Parilli's last stand against Tennessee, the contemporary Vols must deal with another Kentucky passmeister, sophomore Tim Couch. The youngster from the mountain country of southeast Kentucky has not only rewritten the record books in his first full varsity season; he has also restored hope to a football program that had known only despair.

Don't look for the current Vols to do to Couch what their predecessors did to Parilli. That was then, and this is now. Shutouts are virtually extinct these days. But in the more important matter of winning and losing, will Couch be able to lead the Wildcats to victory over their ancient rivals? Or will the curse of the Babe still hang over the Blue Grass?

Former Vol

Bert Ackermann (1962-64)



Bert Ackermann is a second generation Volunteer who played at Tennessee from 1962 through 1964 under head coaches Bowden Wyatt, Jim McDonald and Doug Dickey.

He followed his father, Norbert Ackermann, Sr., who played on the great Vol teams from 1938-40 and was captain of the 1940 Sugar Bowl squad.

Coming to the Vols from Chamblee, Ga., Ackermann majored in engineering and shared center duties on the 1963 squad with Frank Emanuel and Jerry Milchin.

An outstanding student , Ackermann made straight As during the winter quarter of 1964 and won the Knoxville Journal Trophy that same year as the senior with the highest GPA. He earned the Herman Hickman graduate scholarship in 1966 and 1967.

He is now president of Spinlab in Knoxville and is currently an SEC Football Official.

Former Vol Bert Ackermann is now an SEC official and a Knoxville businessman.

Cross Country Places Sixth at SEC Championships

Coach Brenda Webb's harriers continue to climb the conference ladder, as the Lady Vols claimed sixth at the SEC Cross Country Championships, their best outing since back-to-back fifth-place finishes in 1992 and 1993. Leading the way for Tennessee was sophomore Kristen Ritter, who has been the top Lady Vol finisher in each fall event. Ritter placed 16th overall, the highest finish since Michelle Reasor's 10th in 1994, one spot out of earning all-conference honors.

Holdsclaw Takes Another Honor

Junior basketball player Chamique Holdsclaw garnered yet another award during the off-season. The much-acclaimed frontrunner for Naismith Player of the Year honors, is already on the way having been named USA Basketball's Athlete of the Year for 1997. The award comes on the heels of Holdsclaw's team-leading efforts in scoring and rebounding for the USA Women's World Championship Qualifying Team this past summer, on which she was its youngest and only collegiate player. The two-time All-America, who has already been named to the 1998 World Championship Team, was the second youngest woman to ever receive the honor at 20, the same age that Southern Cal star and Olympic gold medallist Cheryl Miller was when she won the award in 1984.

Soccer Closes Out Season With Two Wins, Kees, Michner Named All-SEC

Although they had already been eliminated from the SEC Tournament, Coach Charlie MacCabe's soccer team gave it two solid efforts at home en route to wins over Texas, 2-0, and Florida State, 4-1. Tennessee ended the season with an 11-8 record, an improvement of five wins from their inaugural season. Two Lady Vols were named to the All-SEC second team, sophomore midfielder Kendyl Michner and junior defender Kassie Kees. By netting three goals in the Texas and Florida State wins, Michner, a transfer from Kansas, also set school records in goals, points and game-winning goals in a season.

Ten Named Academic All-SEC

In its second season, soccer placed 10 Lady Vols on the SEC Academic Honor Roll. Seniors Holly Kimble and Jodie Hanlon, juniors Kassie Kees, Natalie Balash, Sharon Kelly and Melissa Majcher, as well as sophomores Heather Handel, Whitney Rayburn, Heather Redecker and Sarah Shivley, each were bestowed the honor in their first year eligible.

Bonner and Pesek Compete in World Team Diving Trials

Former Lady Vol Tracy Bonner and current team member junior Kathy Pesek battled for spots in the World Team Diving Championships, by participating in the trials held at the University of Georgia. Bonner, competing in the three-meter springboard, took fourth, although she led after the first round, while Pesek finished seventh in the 10-meter platform.

Rowing Ends Fall With Chattahoochee Title

After a dispute in the Novice 8+ was cleared up, Tennessee was awarded the team title at the Head of the Chattahoochee in Atlanta. The Lady Vols claimed the crown over a field of 68 teams after a Jacksonville boat was retroactively disqualified at the conclusion of the race for use of ineligible rowers. It marked a clean sweep on the fall season for UT's novice "A" shells, which took all three competitions in both the 8+ and 4+ they competed in. Tennessee crews were also victorious in the Collegiate 8+ and Collegiate 4+, ending the rowers fall season.

Volleyball Sets Numerous NCAA, Team and Individual Marks in Non-Conference Win

Playing its first back-to-back non-tournament matches this season, Tennessee's volleyball team put together two of its best performances of the year. With only eight available players both nights, the Lady Vols claimed a split, with a 3-1 loss to Georgia, followed by a 3-1 win at UNC Asheville, in matches that lasted 1:55 minutes and 2:28 minutes, respectively. Yet it was not the win against Asheville that captured so much attention, but how they did so. UT and UNCA combined to post some impressive numbers, including Tennessee's 134 digs and 262 total attempts, both the 11th most in NCAA Division I history. In addition, three Tennessee school records, and 17 individual career and 27 individual season highs were either set or tied.

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Tennis' Malhotra Continues Winning Ways

Senior All-American Manisha Malhotra claimed the singles title at the Rolex Southeast Regional Championships and joined with senior All-American teammate, Margie Lepsi, to finish as runners-up in the doubles competition. As the top-seeded singles player, Malhotra defeated second-seeded Karen Goldstein of Duke in the final, 1-6, 6-3, 6-1, after rallying from down a set. With her victory, Malhotra automatically advances to the Rolex Indoor Nationals.

—Brad Laux

Manisha Malhotra claims another title at the Rolex Southeast Regional Championships.

THIS WEEK IN BIG ORANGE COUNTRY

TENNESSEE - HELPING OUR COMMUNITY

Homecoming time presented an excellent opportunity to get a message across to the people that live in the counties surrounding Knoxville. The message was that in today's world, children are the most vulnerable to those who prey on defenseless people.

The University took Homecoming as an opportunity to partake in a program presented by the American Football Coaches Association. In conjunction with the AFCA, the University of Tennessee passed out inkless fingerprinting kits free of charge to fans as they left the stadium.

Thousands of those kits were handed out. But what is important is not the number, but that kids now have a fighting chance. The fingerprinting kits give parents and guardians an identification packet for their children.

This initial year, the AFCA began by initiating a program in select states for high school coaches, parent-teacher associations and churches. The goal across America for the next three to five years is to distribute twenty million child identification kits into hands of the parents and guardians.

Colleges and universities through their football programs will play a major role in distributing and promoting this [program. During the 1997 football season, all Division I-A schools were given the opportunity to choose a home game during October or November, and to set up distribution to parents and guardians as they left the games. Tennessee chose Homecoming Weekend. An appropriate time because of the tradition of alumni and fans coming to see the pageantry of homecoming and football combining for a weekend of celebration. Every packet given out is a gift from the AFCA.

In the Division I-A stadiums alone, there will be 2.4 million child identification kits distributed. This will be the largest child identification program in U.S. history.

During the 1998 season, all other divisions will choose a home game and distribute the kits free of charge to the parents and guardians in attendance.

The University of Tennessee is much more than just an institution, it is a leader in the community. The weekend of Nov. 8, Tennessee again accepted the challenge and pitched in to aid the community. This year Tennessee has aided Knoxville and the surrounding counties with the Tim Kerin Food Drive, the Eastman Kodak Recycling efforts, the Blue/Orange Blood Drive (which runs Nov. 17-21) and now the AFCA Identification kits. But the beneficiary is not the University, it is the Knoxville community and its surrounding neighbors.

If you were unable to attend the Homecoming Game and you are interested in an Inkless Identification Kit, please contact Kenny Hansmire, President of Inkless Image Corp., at (214) 630-2245, or write him at 8719 Diplomacy Row, Dallas , Texas 75247

—Volunteers Magazine Staff

With an ID package, parents and guardians now have a way to help authorities locate missing children.

SOCCER MAKES STRIDES AND IMPROVES ON INAUGURAL SEASON

The Tennessee Lady Vol soccer team entered the 1997 campaign looking to build off its performance from its inaugural season, and that is just what Coach Charlie MacCabe's squad did. UT finished with an 11-8 overall record, accomplishing one of its primary goals.

Capping off an outstanding year, sophomore midfielder Kendyl Michner and junior defender Kassie Kees became the first Lady Vol soccer players to be named to the all-conference team.

Michner, a transfer from Kansas, accomplished the feat in impressive fashion as she toppled three school offensive records: points (24), goals (eight) and game-winning goals (five). Kees, who also notched a historic first by being selected once each to the Soccer America Team of the Week and SEC Player of the Week, was recognized for her outstanding abilities as the team's sweeper.

The year began auspiciously with back-to-back victories over Memphis at home and Chattanooga on the road. However, against the nation's top-ranked team and defending national champion, North Carolina, the Lady Vols had the tables turned on them by a humbling Tar Heel performance.

Tennessee righted itself in topping Auburn in overtime, but fell at Alabama, allowing the game-winning goal in the waning minutes of the contest. Back at home, sophomore forward Melissa Covington scored the Lady Vols' only hat trick of the year in a dominant victory over East Tennessee State.

MacCabe's troops outplayed a highly-regarded Xavier team on its home field en route to a 3-1 victory. Unfortunately, the Lady Vols could not parlay their success into additional road wins as they dropped contests to SEC powers Kentucky and Vanderbilt, and then again at Arizona.

However, the Lady Vols' battles did not go unnoticed as they claimed another milestone by earning their first-ever regional ranking (tying for 10th) after the Vandy game. The final road stop landed Tennessee at Arizona State, where a victory was snatched from the Sun Devils by tallying two goals in the second half.

Sophomore Kendyl Michner became one of the first Lady Vol soccer players to be named to the all-con-

A season-high home crowd of 1,165 greeted ninth-ranked Florida when it came to town for an SEC Eastern Division matchup. The Gators bested the Lady Vols, 4-0, but Tennessee who again was among the national leaders in attendance, rebounded by beating South Carolina, 1-0, two days later. Sophomore goalies Kim Hull and Sarah Shively combined to earn a shutout in the Lady Vols second straight blanking of the week, posting a 1-0 loss on Radford in a battle of evenly-matched squads.

Two key conference tilts would hold the Lady Vols' fate in the balance. Needing only one victory to seal a second straight trip to the SEC Tournament, Tennessee fell to both Mississippi, 4-1, at home and Georgia, 3-0, on the road. Although they would finish out of the conference tournament, UT showed no letdown while hosting two powerful Southern squads, as the Orange and White defeated Texas and Florida State, behind Michner's three goals to set the school scoring record.

in ceremonies before the Georgia game Oct. 11, UT honored the induction of former Vol head coach Bowden Wyatt to the College Football Hall of Fame. Pictured above are sister-in-lawMartha Wyatt, sisterPeggy Wyatt Bowen, long-time friend John "Skeeter" Bailey, AD Doug Dickey, Amy Goodson, Wyatt's grandson Floyd Goodson and East Tennessee chapter president Dick Williams.

By-Laws Approved

After many changes and deliberation, the T-Club by-laws were presented to the Board members at the Nov. 6th meeting for a vote of approval. Eleven of the 16 Board members were present and voted on the issue. All 11 approved of the measure. Those voting for the new by-laws were: Jim Hill, Don Bosch, Pat Shires, Lloyd Richardson, Andy Kozar, Jeff Francis, Gene Moeller, Jeff Gallaher, Gordon Polofsky, Hal Bibee, and Bob Davis.

Membership Renewals Due

T-Club members who were supposed to renew their dues in September need to contact Judy Constantine at (423) 974-9054. If you are not sure when your membership is up for renewal, please give her a call.

Membership Numbers Up

As of the Nov. 6 meeting, the T-Club now has 1200 members in its organization, which is the most ever by this club. We would like to thank everyone involved for making that possible, and we hope that we can continue to grow and be a force in helping to keep the pride and spirit of Tennessee tradition alive.

Baseball Tickets

Lettermen interested in season tickets for the upcoming 1998 baseball season should contact Judy Constantine at (423) 974-9054. There is a great chance that, if the interest is there, a section along the third base side will be available to members of the T-Club. You won't want to miss out on what is going to be an exciting season at Lindsey Nelson Stadium.

Track Reunion

Former track and field teams under the guidance of former track coach Don Henry will have a reunion this spring at the Sea Ray Relays. Interested parties should contact Billy Henry at (423) 974-1218 for more information.

SEC Championship Teams of 1967

Prior to the kickoff of the Tennessee/Vanderbilt game, members of the 1967 football, basketball, and track & field teams will be honored. During 1967, those squads captured SEC Championships in their respective sports.

Lettermen's Day

The Vanderbilt game is also Lettermen's Day as all T-Club members and their family are invited for breakfast at Thompson-Boling Arena for a buffet beginning at 9:30 a.m., with kickoff for the Vanderbilt game scheduled for 12 p.m. The buffet breakfast will be served in the Ray Mears Room.

Bob Johnson

Former Vol Bob Johnson was honored prior to the Tennessee/South Carolina game for earning the GTE Academic All-Time All-America Team award. He and his family were greeted by over 106,000 fans. We congratulate Bob Johnson on earning this prestigious award.

Spring Outing

A reminder that the Lettermen's Spring Outing will be held on the weekend of April 17-19. On Friday all members of the T-Club are invited to participate in the annual golf tournament that will be held at Green Meadow Country Club in Maryville. Lunch will be served at 12 noon followed by the 1 p.m. shotgun format tournament. Prizes will be awarded immediately following the tournament. There will be no rain date for this tournament.

Friday evening, T-Club members are invited to watch the Vol baseball squad as they take on Arkansas in SEC action. Game time for the baseball game is set for 7 p.m. at Lindsey Nelson Stadium.

Saturday, the annual Orange & White game will take place at Neyland Stadium. Following the game, fans should make plans for the 5 p.m. baseball game against Arkansas in the second game of the three game series. Sunday's baseball game will begin with the first pitch set for 1 p.m. Make plans to attend this special weekend this spring.

Out of Town

For the next two weeks Judy Constantine will be out of town, thus she will not be able to answer questions that you may have. If there are any questions you may contact Pat Shires, our T-Club President at (423) 693-5206.

Condolences

We are sad to announce the passing of some of our former Vols. Gordon Wooten, basketball 1943, passed away Sept. 14. Porter Barnett who played baseball from 1948-49 passed on Oct. 4. And, on Nov. 1, John "Skeeter" Bailey, football and boxing in 1937-38, passed away. Our condolences go out to their families on their loss.

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VASF News and Notes

NCAA Q & A

This week's topic deals with the types of contact prohibited between an athletic representative and a student-athlete after that person has "signed" with a particular institution. The "Athletic Representative" designation covers all friends, supporters, fans, ***VOLUNTEERS Magazine*** subscribers, and all VASF members. The VASF would like to stress to everyone the importance of these guidelines; it only takes one infraction to land a sport and university on probation or to receive sanctions.

QUESTION: After a prospect "signs" with the Tennessee Volunteers, can an athletic representative contact the student-athlete then?

ANSWER: No. The NCAA notes that a prospect remains one until he/she officially enrolls at Tennessee. After that point, the prospect becomes a full student-athlete. All contacts must by made by the University of Tennessee at Knoxville coaches and staff. Watch this space next week for more NCAA Q & A.

Kentucky Away Game Reception

The University of Tennessee National Alumni Association will sponsor their traditional away game reception when the Volunteers travel to Lexington to take on the Kentucky Wildcats. It will be held at the Marriott Griffin Gate Resort on New Town Pike on Friday night from 6:30-8:00 p.m. A cash bar and snacks will be available. For more information, please contact Steve Catlett in the Alumni Association at (423) 974-3011.

Men's Basketball Parking Passes

If you are a VASF donor (Foothills & higher) and hold season basketball tickets, some 1997-87 season parking passes are available. Passes are valid for all regular-season home games. Contact Claire Stone in the VASF office at (423) 974-1218 for more details.

Men's Free Basketball Parking

The athletic department will again sponsor free basketball parking and shuttle service from Tennessee's agricultural campus this year for all home games. Contact parking services at (423) 974-6011 for more information.

VASF Intern Mike Smith Leaves

Mike Smith, who served as the full-time intern for the VASF office from July 1 until November 7, has left the office to take advantage of an opportunity in pharmaceutical sales. Smith did a great job in the short time he was with the office. The VASF staff would like to wish him well in all his future endeavors.

Baseball Ticket Information

Ticket applications and renewals for the 1998 baseball Vols will be mailed around the first week in December. Contact the ticket office at (423) 656-1200 if you are interested in receiving a Big Game Package or season ticket application.

Point System Question of the Week

With the advent of the new VASF point system, this column will make its home on this page for the next few issues. VASF staff lists one common question they have received in their office over the past week or so. This week's question concerns Tennessee's possible bid to the football SEC Championship Game.

QUESTION: Will this new point system be applied to the ticket allocations for the 1997 SEC Championship Football Game, if Tennessee is allowed to go to it?

ANSWER: The Point System is slated to take effect Jan. 1, 1998. Because the appeal period is still under way, it would would not be fair to use the point system to assist in SEC Championship ticket allocations this year. Tickets for the 1997 game will be assigned using the same donor level guidelines used for the assignment of away game tickets this fall. If you have any questions about the VASF or its new point system, call the VASF office at (423) 974-1218 for more details.

VASF Appeal Period Deadline Nears

The deadline for submitting all point totals appeals to the Volunteer Athletic Scholarship Fund office is November 30, 1997. If you wish to appeal point credit, please submit the appeal in writing. The donor must substantiate the appeal. Once the appeal has been considered, the VASF staff will contact the donor. For more information on the point system, contact the VASF office at (423) 974-1218.

Points System Update

I recently sat down with John Currie, the Executive of the VASF, and got an update on the new VASF point system. Currie noted that the response from the donors has been overwhelmingly positive. Most donors appreciate knowing where they stand in relation to all others. For the first time, the VASF is easily able to access and provide that information. Many donors were pleased to learn that the VASF database does have cumulative giving amounts, and that they are factored into consideration in the point system also.

Currie reiterated the goal of the new point system is to treat all donors as fairly as possible when allocating events with high donor demand. Currie wanted to thank all the donors who have called or stopped by for being so patient. The staff, he said, is doing a great job getting all the calls and questions answered in a timely fashion. I asked Currie how the appeals are coming in. He stated that they were coming in very well and most appeals are able to be resolved within a day or two.

Some form of written confirmation will be sent to all donors who appeal their point standings. Donors are providing all types of substantiation for their appeals. One donor, Martin Winfrey, even brought in a plaque given to him by former athletic director Bob Woodruff recognizing him for donating to athletics in the 1970s. All in all, Currie reported, the point system looks like it will be a success.

— Steve Sams

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Pre-Season Hoops Action...

Vols Take First Step in Exhibition

Rashard Lee led the Vol attack with 19 points on 8-of-10 shooting from the floor in the win over the California All-Stars. Lee also showed versatility in hitting one from three-point range.

The Jerry Green Era of Tennessee basketball started off with a bang.

The Vols rang up a 96-83 win over the California All-Stars. The nearly 6000 in attendance saw the brand of basketball and excitement Green is going to bring to Big Orange Country.

The Vols were out running and gunning from the start.

"I never want to slow it down," Green said. "Let it ride."

Rashard Lee let it ride to the tune of 19 points and eight rebounds, both team highs.

"I feel more out there because I like to rebound, and naturally anyone would like to score points, and the small forward is a position where you can do both," Lee said. 'I was just focusing on taking care of the ball better and being mature on the court. I tried not to make silly passes and give the ball away."

The Vols placed four other players in double figures. C.J. Black and Isiah Victor had 13 a piece. This was the first organized game for Victor in more than a year.

"I guess it was a sigh of a relief," Victor said. "It took a few minutes to get in the flow of the game. I was a little more relaxed toward the end."

This was the also the debut for the Tony Harris. Harris was a prep All-America and Vols fans were anxious to see him take the floor wearing the Orange and White. He did not disappoint. He entered the game with just under three minutes left and hit a three-pointer and stole the ball for a break-away jam. He finished with 11 points.

Charles Hathaway also finished with 11 points, and had perhaps the most memorable shot of the game. Midway through the second half the 6-11 native of Nashville banked in a 3-pointer from the top of the key.

"Coach Green always tells us if we can't make the shot don't take it," Hathaway said. "When I shot it, I was just hoping it would go in. I heard the crowd screaming and stuff, and I said, man, I banked it. We haven't had a game like that since I've been here."

As the crowd cheered, Green simply cupped his face and his hand and shook his head.

"The wind was right," Green said. "What are you going to do."

Everyone was excited about the fast pace of the game.

"That is how basketball is supposed to be played," Victor said.

Green said the Vols do have some work to do on the defensive end before they opened the regular season up Nov. 14 against Winthrop.

The Vols' other exhibition game was a 90-64 win over Marathon. Black paced the Vols with 22 points and 10 rebounds. Lee, who had 19 points to lead Tennessee in the first exhibition game, finished with 11 points, as did Hathaway and Tony Harris. Victor dropped in 10 points, six coming from three monster jams.

The Vols again pushed the pace against an experienced Marathon squad. The game was close until the final three minutes when the Vols broke free. Holding a 72-62 lead, Tennessee scored 14 unanswered points, of which seven points came on one possession as Tony Harris sank four of six free technical foul throws and Green added a three-pointer.

Tony Harris made things happen n the second exhibition, keeping Marathon at bay. "The way Tony pushes the ball, it puts a lot of pressure on the (opponents') post players defensively," said Black. "They've either got to give up the basket or contest the layup."

Tennessee's next opponent was Winthrop at Thompson-Boling Arena on Friday, Nov. 14, in the first of eight consecutive home games to start the regular season. To see how the Vols did, see the p. 7 under **WEEKEND NOTES**.

—Rob Hardin

Tennessee Volunteers vs. Marathon 11-9-97

Vols 90, Marathon 64

TENNESSEE (90): Black 9-11, 2-4 22, Wharton 0-5, 2-3 2, Hathaway 5-7, 1-3 12, Lee 4-8, 1-1 11, Tony Harris 2-11, 6-8 11, Green 2-6, 3-4 9 Torrey Harris 1-1, 1-2 3, Victor 4-7, 2-2 10, Davis 2-4, 0-0 5, Baker 0-2, 2-4 2, Moore 1-1, 0-0 2, Sewell 1-1, 0-0 2, Totals 31-64, 20-31, 90.

MARATHON (64): Prue 5-12, 0-0 10, Richardson 3-11,6-8,13, Ramaker 3-11, 0-0 8, Stone 7-13, 0-2 18, Mitchell 4-10, 0-0 8, Leak 0-2, 0-0 0, Moore 1-5, 0-0 2, Sims 1-8, 2-2 5. Totals 24-72, 8-12, 64.

Halftime: Tennessee 35, Marathon 30.

3-Point goals-Tennessee 8-16 (50%) (Wharton 0-3, Tony Harris 1-4, Green 2-4, Lee 2-2, Black 2-2, Davis 1-1), Marathon 8-32 (25%) (Prue 0-1, Richardson 1-3, Ramaker 2-8, Stone 4-9, Mitchell 0-2, Moore 0-4, Sims 1-5). Fouled out- Prue, Mitchell. Ejected- Mitchell. Rebounds-Tennessee 50 (Black 10), Marathon 36 (Prue, Richardson 6). Assists-Tennessee 20 (Tony Harris 6), Marathon 12 (Mitchell 5). Total fouls-Tennessee 15, Marathon 26. A- 6,123 (24,535). T-2:42. Officials- David Dodge, Bruce Benedict, Mike Stuart.

On The Road...

Lady Vols Return To White House

By now to Tyler Summitt the White House must feel like a second home. Why not, since his mom, Lady Vol basketball coach Pat Summitt, has come to visit the President of the United States three times during his short lifetime.

Even the elder Summitt, who has now made five trips herself to 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, and the current Commander-and-Chief, Bill Clinton must be on a first-name basis, since it seems as if they see each other every year at this time.

These visits have come as the rewards for Tennessee winning the national championship. It is the second year in a row that Clinton has recognized Coach Summitt and the Lady Vols for their accomplishment and he is the third President to invite UT to the White House in the last 10 years.

Clinton also noted the regularity of the Lady Vols as White House guests. "I'd also like to welcome the Lady Vols back. It's tough to win those back-to-back championships. Al Gore and I know something about that. And there are many benefits about having Pat Summitt come back here year in and year out. I'm getting to watch her son grow up -and I enjoy it very much," joked the President who was battling laryngitis.

This year's gathering took place in the East Room at noon on Monday, Oct. 27. UT's contingent included the coaching staff, players, as well as both Men's and Women's Athletic Directors, Doug Dickey and Joan Cronan, and University of Tennessee President Joe Johnson as well as several members of the Lady Vol support staff.

Each of the 11 players from the 1996-97 championship team, except Pashen Thompson, who was on the West Coast with the Columbus Quest of the American Basketball League, made the trip.

Also recognized that afternoon were the NCAA Division I men's basketball champions, the University of Arizona. On the advice of his doctor to save his voice for the meeting with the Chinese delegation coming to town on its goodwill tour, President Clinton recognized Arizona, while Vice President Gore, a native Tennessean took the opportunity to acknowledge the representatives from his home state. Last year, Clinton addressed both teams, but was advised not to speak as much this year.

The President did make a few opening remarks about the Lady Vols before he yielded the podium to his five-year assistant. And for the second consecutive year, Gore once again had the chance to gush about the Lady Vols. The Vice President, who was wearing an orange basketball tie and a T pin on his lapel, last year used the occasion to chide the President who was overjoyed to host Arkansas, the men's national champions, in 1995.

Clinton returned to the podium after Gore talked about Tennessee and took the time to mention the outstanding academic achievements of both teams.

After the President finished addressing Arizona, Lady Vol Abby Conklin presented the Commander-and-Chief and the Vice President with Tennessee hats and jerseys.

Summitt then stepped up to the podium and talked about Tennessee's achievement.

The day actually began at 7 a.m., for the Lady Vol contingent, when they departed from McGhee Tyson en route to Washington's National Airport. There, they were greeted by a bus which took the party directly to the White House.

Once there, they received a private tour given by members of the U.S. Secret Service. The East Dinning Room, where state dinners are held, was the next stop for the guests. Tennessee had 30 minutes to spend visiting with the members of the Arizona Wildcat national championship before the teams adjourned to the East Room for the press conference.

After both teams were recognized, a reception line was formed for the coaches and teams to meet the President. A photo opportunity ensued with Vice President Gore greeting everyone in both parties, while the President left to attend another meeting.

The Lady Vols then reboarded a bus to go to the Capitol building for lunch with Senator Bill Frist. However, before they ate, Congressman Jim Duncan gave the group a "behind the scenes" tour.

Next it was off to the Holocaust Museum, one of the toughest tickets in town where they were only able to get in after a call came through from the White House.

Coach Summitt and her traveling party spent the next few hours touring the museum before embarking for the day's final event, a reception hosted by Eastman Chemical Company for Washington-area alumni.

After a long day in Washington, the well-traveled, but spent, Lady Vol contingent boarded the plane to fly back to Knoxville, where they arrived at 10:30 p.m.

—Brad Laux

FROM THE SCORERS TABLE: The Lady Vols opened their exhibition season with a 111-54 win over the U.S. Armed Forces in the second game of a basketball doubleheader at Thompson-Boling Arena on Sunday, Nov. 9.

Freshman Tamika Catchings led all scorers with 34 points, while Chamique Holdsclaw added 18 points on 7-of-10 shooting.

The 1996-97 National Champion Lady Vols met with President Clinton and Vice-President Gore at the White House on Oct. 27.

Manning Named to Good Works Team

Senior quarterback Peyton Manning was one of 22 players named to the American Football Coaches Association Good Works Teams. The two 11-man team honors players for their commitment to community service.

The 1997 Good Works Teams are the first chosen by the AFCA. The program was originated by the College Football Association in 1992 to recognize the extra effort made by college football players off the field. When the CFA disbanded this past June, the AFCA took over the program and continues to honor players who go the extra mile for those in need.

The program has now been expanded to include all divisions associated with the AFCA. The two teams, Division I-A and Divisions I-AA, II, III and NAIA, both include 11 players who have devoted themselves to exemplary community service.

To be selected players have to meet these criteria: actively involved and committed to working with charitable organizations, service groups or community service; display sincere concern and reliability, while also having made a favorable impression on the organizations with which they are involved; and athletic ability is not a criteria.

Senior Peyton Manning was honored on AFCA "Good Works" Team.

Manning FN Semifinalist

Manning heads a list of 15 semifinalists for the Football News' 1997 Offensive Player of the Year award.

In leading the Vols to a 7-1 start, Manning has thrown for over 300 yards in seven of his eight starts this season, while throwing for over 2000 yards and 19 touchdowns. He is one of three SEC quarterbacks on the list. He is joined by Auburn's Dameyune Craig and Kentucky's Tim Couch.

The winners of the offensive and defensive awards will be announced on Dec. 2 after the list is pared to five on Nov. 21.

Golfers Finish 11th

The men's golf team finished the Country Club of Louisiana Intercollegiate in Baton Rouge, La., in 11th place. Tennessee's best effort came during the final round as the Vols carded a 12-over par 300 at the par 72, 6,951 yard Country Club of Louisiana. However, the Vols were rusty following a month layoff. Tennessee finished with rounds of 302-307-300--909. While the 909-stroke total was Tennessee's worst in three fall tournaments, the 11th-place finish was the best of the fall season.

Tennessee sent three true freshman, a sophomore and a junior to don the Orange and White in Louisiana. Junior Kevin Law led Tennessee with a 74-75-77--226, 10-over par. Law, a Hixson native, tied for 37th. Matt McWilliams, freshman, fired a 74-78-75--227 to place tied for 44th. Freshman Andy Brimer was 52nd after rounds of 78-74-78--230, while fellow freshman Ryo Fukami placed 54th with a 76-83-73--232 stroke effort. Sophomore Derrick Centers rounded out the Vol scoring with a 79-80-75--234 to finish tied for 55th.

The Vols traveled to Palo Alto, Calif., for a tournament Nov. 7-9, and we will have an update on their play in our next issue.

Titles from the Continental Airlines Cup

The tennis team continues to move up the ranks as they captured two more singles titles at the Continental Airlines Cup in Houston, Tx., on Nov. 2.

Vol Mark Way won his flight "A" finals match over Colorado's Boris Sepesi, 7-6, 6-3. With Way's championship victory, the sophomore from Alstonville, Australia ran his fall singles record to 6-2.

Meanwhile, Tennessee's Roger Illias completed Tennessee's title run as he won the flight "B: consolation finals title with a 6-2, 6-0 victory over Justin Gagnon of TCU. Illias, a senior from Johannesburg, South Africa, upped his fall record to 12-5.

In the flight "B" finals, Vol Juan Gamboa lost to Naisohn Arfai of Rice 6-0, 6-4. Gamboa's fall record is now 7-5 after the 2nd-place finish.

Chad Copenhaver, Mark Parsons and Kaspar Rasmussen all saw action, but they were eliminated in the early rounds of the tournament.

Tennessee's last fall event took place at the Rolex Region 3 Qualifying in Athens, Ga., this past weekend. Early results can be found on p. 7 under Weekend Notes, while a recap of the full tournament will follow in next week's issue.

—Volunteers Magazine Staff

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The Last Word...

REMEMBER NOVEMBER 1972

There's something about football in November, what with the vagaries of the weather and the ever-present prospect of conference honors and bowl bids on the line each week. It's really a special time.

No group of Vols ever played better in November than the 1972 team, 25 years ago. The 1972 team finished 10-2, gave up but 100 points in 12 games (just 17 in four November and December games) and assembled a six-game winning streak, capped by a 24-17 win over LSU in the Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl.

The Vols had lost tough decisions to Auburn and Alabama in September and October, respectively, and were stationed at 5-2 heading into the season's final month, which included a Dec. 2 game against Vanderbilt.

The stretch began with a Nov. 4 trip to Athens to play Vince Dooley's Georgia Bulldogs. The Vols kicked off November with a 14-0 win that featured a Haskel Stanback TD run and a Holloway TD pass to tight end Sonny Leach. The capper of the day came when Vol DB Conrad Graham was asked how the defense played. His answer: "I don't know, but when we left the field the other side didn't have any." The offensive front was so impressive that guard Bill Emendorfer was named AP lineman of the week.

Two weeks later at Knoxville, following an open date, a sellout Homecoming crowd saw the offensive team turn in an absolutely error-free (no fumbles, no pass interceptions) performance in a 17-0 win over Mississippi. The wire services picked linebacker Jamie Rotella and defensive tackle John Wagster for regional lineman of the week honors.

Old traditional rival Kentucky proved tough, as always, when the Wildcats invaded Neyland Stadium on Nov. 25. Tennessee couldn't put the game away until Graham, an All-SEC selection as a cornerback, intercepted a Kentucky pass at the UK 46 early in the fourth quarter to set up a 30-yard run by Stanback that iced the game for the Vols.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Those who were there remember the weather conditions that day and were iced long before that point. Just a personal observation. Back to the story.)

Tennessee has been known for its winning ways in November, but during the 1972 season, Tennessee made one of its finest runs in recent memory. This November, 25 years later, could prove equally as memorable. In this shot, Vol defenders make the play in a 14-0 victory at Georgia.

The season-ending game with Vanderbilt in Nashville on Dec. 2 was one of the most exciting of the 1972 campaign, befitting the tradition-steeped background of a rivalry that began before the turn of the century.

On a wind-swept day at Dudley Field (and that's putting it mildly as the kicking game was an adventure all day due to a 17 mile-per-hour wind that significantly affected play), the Vols posted a 30-10 victory after going into the fourth quarter leading by 16-10. The game was memorable in a couple of other ways.

It was the day Auburn blocked two punts to win 17-16 in the Iron Bowl at Birmingham. Alabama had also led 16-10 in the fourth quarter, a fact that was not lost on Vol partisans in Nashville.

Otherwise, that was the day Stanback eclipsed Hank Lauricella's season yardage yardage record set in 1951. Hank had 881 and Haskel ended up with 890.

The Vols closed the season with a 24-17 victory over LSU under much more comfortable weather conditions at the Astrodome in Houston. It was coach Bill Battle's third bowl game victory in as many tries, as Holloway gave a dazzling first half performance to stake the Vols to 24-3 lead at intermission and Graham's dramatic breakup of a pass in the fourth quarter preserved the victory. Holloway and defensive end Carl Johnson were named MVPs for offense and defense, respectively.

Graham, Rotella and barefoot placekicker Ricky Townsend were named All-America and Emendorfer, Wagster, Rotella and Townsend joined Graham as All-SEC selections.

It was the first time since the great run of 1938-40 that the Vols had won 10 games or more in three consecutive seasons, with the ledger showing a 31-5 record from 1970-72.

That's the way things appeared 25 years ago, in 1972, in the month of November. It was quite a run by a pretty good Tennessee team.

—Tom Mattingly

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